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The Virginia Suffrage.

The Norfolk Landmark, taking for its text an editorial from The Star on the subject of the Virginia convention, explains why the members of that body when organizing refused to be sworn. The oath prescribed called upon them to support not only the Constitution of the United States but the constitution of Virginia.

The Star did not in the editorial referred to, nor does it now, attempt to settle the question that controlled the members of the Virginia convention in refusing to be sworn. But, with due respect to its esteemed Norfolk contemporary, it inclines to the belief that the difficulty was regarded as greater in its relation to the United States than to the state.

The convention has been regularly called in the exercise of the state's right. They are entitled to a new constitution at their expressed wish under the rules fixed by law. The law has been complied with, and the convention is in session. It may decline to recognize the "political equality of all men before the law" by prescribing an educational or a property qualification for voters, and if the people ratify the new instrument at the polls the old instrument ceases to exist.

But the United States has this word to say on the subject of suffrage: "That the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude," and that any state offending against this provision shall suffer a reduction in its representation in Congress according to the extent of its delinquency.

It was the demand to exclude the negroes from the polls that caused the convention to be called, and as the execution of this program is recognized as a very difficult piece of work, it seems not unreasonable to suppose that the members, in considering the matter of the oath, halted more particularly at what they stood forbidden to do by the Constitution of the United States, and yet what all but twenty of their number had assembled for the express purpose of doing. A new constitution for the state is one thing. To violate the Constitution of the United States in drafting it is another thing.

The Landmark wonders that The Star supports the Constitution in this matter of suffrage, and yet supports the President's "policy" in the Philippine Islands, which the Landmark regards as unconstitutional. The Star accepts the Supreme Court's decision in that matter, and can see no difference between the "imperialism" of William McKinley in dealing with new possessions acquired by treaty and that of Thomas Jefferson. Has it ceased to pass that Thomas Jefferson needs a defender in the principal cities of Virginia, and from the Atlantic to one of the ablest and most influential newspapers in the commonwealth?

Diplomatic Changes.

The changes in the diplomatic corps announced yesterday appear to give general satisfaction to the individuals concerned and to the public. The transfer of Minot Loomis to Portugal avoids the chance of further friction on a personal score in the relations between the United States and Venezuela and meets the wishes of Mr. Loomis, who has been anxious to be relieved of his duties in the trying climate of Venezuela, and so far as the public is concerned would permit of the annoyances caused by the differences between the governments. But President Wilson will score no victory in the change. Minot Loomis will go to Caracas with the same instructions carried by his predecessor, and is no whit less thoroughly American and less intelligently aggressive in his diplomacy than Mr. Loomis. Indeed, he may prove, in view of the possible assumption of command by his partner, to be even a little more vigorously insistent upon a compliance with the just demands of the United States.

The fact that there has been no change of policy will be gratifying to Americans abroad. This government has of late years demonstrated a capacity to conserve the interests of its citizens and has acquired a marked degree of prestige in securing a proper recognition of treaties and customs and in the past in the dealings of other governments with our particularly those of the smaller states. Venezuela's attitude toward the United States has been decidedly unpleasant of late, and it will be to the national welfare to continue there without the slightest modification our policy of tactful firmness.

British Concentration Policy Endorsed

The British "concentration" policy is dividing seriously and weakening the forces. Yesterday the government was assailed on the subject of the concentration camps in South Africa, and a statement by the war secretary of the mortality at these places was received with groans in the house. But on division the ministry was sustained by a vote of 233 to 124, and the sections of the opposition were found to be sadly split. There appear to be many shades of difference between the government's opponents. Some of them radically advocate the Boer cause, urging the restoration of independence, and even hinting at the payment of heavy indemnities by England. From this radical position to the square support of the government there are many grades, just as for a time there were classes of anti-imperialists in this country when the Philippines question was uppermost. But the British position than did ever, and the situation in London today is therefore exceedingly complex. It is evident from yesterday's vote that the government has lost no ground of late, and as a means of speedily ending the war is strongly supported in a policy of devastation and camp concentration which smacks of Weylerism.

Summer Nights at the Library.

Librarian Putnam bulled probably more than any other man when he proposed the necessary appropriation to keep the Library of Congress open evenings till 10 o'clock. If there is a season of the year when one would most expect to find a place to be deserted, especially after the artificial lights are turned on, it is a hot summer. Yet, during the most sultry and oppressive part of last week, the periodical reading room must have had some hundreds of patrons every evening. These comprised all classes and both sexes, and the periodicals called for were as varied as the assembly, ranging from every inter-lingual and metaphysical, literary criticism and mental philosophy down to the conventional midsummer fiction. Whatever air was stirring found its way into the room through the open windows, and when a reader wished to refresh himself, it was by moving about a little, he had only to go as far as the front entrance of the building to see one of the most beautiful pictures possible—the silhouette of the Capitol, its base fading into a fringe of trees, and its noble dome standing out against a sky rendered half luminous by the glare of the electric lights in the city beyond and below.

English Praise for Carnegie.

The details of Mr. Carnegie's splendid endowment of the Scottish universities disclosed to a very large number of persons removing the doubts of those who were inclined to look his gift horse in the mouth. It is a noble dream of a mighty man, and it is a noble deed of a mighty man. Glead P. Beck might have thrown out in his well-meaning way. Half of the money is to go to the construction of providing buildings, and the other half to lectureships and research scholarships for scientific studies and such as bear upon the progress of education. Mr. Carnegie has good sense above all in not laying down a rigid system, as a self-willed benefactor would have been tempted to do, but by leaving the fullest discretion to the admirable board of trustees he has selected.

Life-Preservers.

Passengers who escaped from the wrecked ferry boat Northfield in New York harbor the other day declare that when the life-preservers were practically useless when the steamer was struck, being too tightly wedged under the seats and in the racks to be extricated in season. The consequence was that only a score or so of people managed to equip themselves with the means of floating, whereas the law contemplates that every steamer shall carry every passenger new to allow for every passenger transported and that these shall be easily ob-

tainable. A passenger usually thinks of a life-preserver only in a time of panic, and if the nearest cork belt is not immediately available he is not likely to risk many precious minutes waiting for a flotation. It is a matter of common sense that the life-preservers on excursion steamers and ferry boats are seriously neglected and are often tucked away into obscure corners where they will not interfere with the decorations or the arrangements of the craft. As far as the public is informed the inspection of these appliances is perfunctory, for it is rare that river boats meet with accidents which call the life belts into use without bitter complaints arising later on this very question. Now that the local excursion season is in full blast would it not be well for the proper authorities here, taking warning from the suggestion of the Northfield disaster, to institute a thorough inquiry into the manner in which the regular quirements of the law are complied with in these waters?

Civilization is shocked to learn that Chinese girls are often sold to the highest bidder, and that the purchaser must produce ready cash instead of offering a mere title.

Aguinaldo is now regarded as a very safe person, and the only apprehensions are directed toward his injudicious friends.

The college professor who can say something really absurd is the man who appears to get the advertisement these days.

Mr. Wanamaker insists that even a twenty-five-hundred-thousand-dollar franchise is a bargain counter proposition.

Mr. Diaz of Mexico will never be able to understand why there should be so much objection to a third term.

John Alex. Dowle objects to being called a paranoiac. And yet that is a very gentle way of expressing it.

The Boers continue to derisively invite the English to bring on another general.

SHOOTING STARS.

Unethical. "So you proposed to Miss Chillers." "Yes," answered Willie Washington. "You must have known she would reject you."

"Of course. But it is an old saying that women can't keep a secret, and I was afraid she would get to comparing notes. I had proposed to all the other girls and I didn't want her to feel slighted."

A Humble Finish. Alas, how often pride must fall With all its pomp and bluster. No peacock would believe his tail Could make a feather duster.

"Dar is sumpin' wrong wif dis here civilization," said Uncle Eben, "when a man is so ready to sell his vote an' so unwilling to part wif a yaller dog."

A Deliberate Deed. "What verdict did the coroner's jury bring in?" Inquired a man who had seen the lynching. "Suicide," answered Bronco Bob promptly. "He must have known perfectly well that stealin' a hoss in Crimson Gulch was bound to prove fatal."

A Valuation. "I understand that Milton got only a few pounds for 'Paradise Lost,'" said the literary friend. "Well," answered Senator Sorghum, seriously, "I don't see what he could expect. I have glanced through 'Paradise Lost.' There is no way in which it could possibly influence votes."

A Resolve of Ambition. Now, wherefore should a person toll And sadly burn the midnight oil, In hope that he may waken fame? To proudly echo forth his name?

The man whose features now-a-days Is the biggest, proudest page displays Is he who tells the merits sure Of some proprietary cure.

And so I shall not seek to climb By statesmanship or art or rhyme. I'll tell the public how I'll live. Were cured by Doctor Seilum's pills.

A National University.

From the Chicago Tribune. Within the last few days the final steps have been taken in the organization of a new university for the nation, to be known as the Washington Memorial Institution. Both in his annual message to Congress and in his last message to the people, Washington expressed an urgent desire to see the city of Washington made a national educational center. In recent years many friends of higher education have realized that the scientific and other resources of the government at Washington ought to be made accessible to students and investigators.

Washington Gaslight Co., 413 10th N. W.

THE "IDEAL" TRUNK, \$9.50.

BECKER'S, 1328 F.

Cool, Comfortable Oxfords.

Ladies' favorite Footwear for hot weather. Have you seen our showing of Oxfords? Such dainty styles—so snug-fitting and comfortable.

Oxfords in Vici, Patent Leather and Patent Kid—\$2.50, \$3 and \$3.50.

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Robt. Cohen and Son, 1114 F St., NEXT TO COLUMBIA THEATRE.

Parents should profit by this bargain offering. We've gathered together for quick-clearance two lines of Misses' and Youths' Shoes, sizes somewhat broken from the big selling. All neat, durable, dressy shoes. For misses nearly all sizes and for youths there are sizes 12 to 13 1/2.

You'll find them on one table tomorrow marked.

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Fine Trunk for \$4.50.

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\$8 Automatics, \$11 Automatics, \$6.00, \$8.50.

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MOVING AT A LIVELY PACE. THE GREATEST OF ALL SALES BEGAN THE SECOND WEEK WITH ANOTHER APPRECIATIVE THROUNG OF BUYERS. EVERY PART OF THE BUSY CORNER AND THE SMITH BUILDING WAS JUST PACKED AND JAMMED. NOTHING IS ALLOWED TO GO INTO OUR BLAZING PAGE ADS. RELATING TO THE BUSY CORNER AND THE SMITH STORE DOINGS WHICH ISN'T BONA FIDE AND TRUER. SAKS & CO.'S GOODS MUST AND SHALL BE SOLD. SACRIFICES HAVE BEEN MADE ON EVERY ARTICLE WHICH HAS PLAYED PART IN THIS DEAL. LET THIS BE THE MECCA FOR THE SHREWED AND ECONOMICAL BUYER WHO UNDERSTANDS GOOD, HONEST VALUES AND A THOROUGH BARGAIN. THE SEASON IS WAXING, AND WITH IT EVERYTHING MUST GO WHICH IS REASONABLE.

Foulard Silk Costumes From the Saks & Co.'s Stock.

HERE'S HOW THEY ARE TO BE SOLD:

27 Fine Silk Foulard Costumes, handsomely trimmed waists and skirts, the latter cut full flare and plain, which Saks & Co. sold for \$25.00, reduced to \$14.98

21 Fine All-silk Foulard Costumes, made up very rich and tasty, which Saks & Co. sold for \$30.00 and \$35.00, reduced to \$19.75

43 Superior High-class All-silk Foulard Costumes, Dame Fashion's swellest ideas of the season, which Saks & Co. sold for \$50.00, reduced to \$24.50

Also 25 Cashmeres, Nun's Veiling and Habit Cloth Costumes will be sold for half and less than half of Saks & Co.'s former selling prices. These special great values can be found in the Smith building, second floor.

Saks & Co.'s China Dinner Sets.

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25 Etruscan China Dinner Sets of 100 pieces, neat border designs, two patterns, filled in with decorations and gold lines. Saks & Co. sold these for \$11.95. We have reduced them to \$7.95

20 Carlsbad China Dinner Services, clear and transparent, handsomely decorated with Dresden designs and gold lines—\$10.00

30 American China Breakfast, Dinner and Tea Combination Sets, with either pink or blue decorations, new shape, finished with gold tracing—which Saks & Co. sold for \$13.95. Reduced to \$9.95

40 English China Dinner Services, underglazed patterns, with border effects—we are showing these in two colors, both finished in rich gold, which Saks & Co. sold at \$15.95, reduced to \$11.75

25 Austrian China Dinner Sets, violet decorations and gold tracing—this china is very thin, but strong and durable—\$11.75

15 English China Dinner Sets from the celebrated Cloverly factory, the finest English porcelain produced, in new designs, shapes and decorations, which Saks & Co. sold for \$15.00, reduced to \$11.95

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8 Limoges China Dinner Sets, natural flower decorations, in pink and blue, clouded gold edges and handles, which Saks & Co. sold for \$27.50, reduced to \$21.50

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BABY CARRIAGES, AN ASSORTED LOT, SOME UPHOLSTERED IN VELVET, OTHERS IN TAPESTRY, WHICH SAKS & CO. SOLD FOR \$6.00. REDUCED TO \$3.98

WHITE ENAMEL BEDSTEADS, BRASS MOUNTING, EITHER SINGLE OR DOUBLE, SIZE, WHICH SAKS & CO. SOLD FOR \$6.00. REDUCED TO \$3.98

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16 pieces of Fine Sheer White French Organdy, 66 inches wide, white, Saks & Co. sold at 35c. per yard, offered at 19c.

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1 lot of Fine Sheer White Persian Lawn, which Saks & Co. sold for 15c. per yard, offered at 10c.

47-inch White Patisse Mull, which Saks & Co. sold at \$1.00 per yard, offered at 25c.

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Saks & Co.'s Muslin and Lace Curtains.

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Women's Gowns, made of cambie and muslin—more than twenty different styles—some trimmed with lace, others with embroidery; some are tucked and hemstitched, some contain all—\$1.00, offered at 75c.

Women's Gowns, forty or more different styles, made of cambie, muslin and nainsook—we are showing these in squares, V, high neck, empire and kimono styles—all made with bibelap sleeves, every sort of trimming of embroidery and lace, fine looking and hemstitching—you will find some extra sizes for stout women among—up to the lot—our price \$1.00, offered at 98c.

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